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of the Secretary of State giving up his control in this matter and it is possible that we will have a provincial man for the post at an early date."

Mr. PRESIDENT :—" You may ask the Secretary of State to begin with this."

The Hon. Dr. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" He is already working at it."

Cancellation of licences of merchants involved in blackmarket operations.

* 111 Q.—Sri S. A. S. Rm. RAMANATHAM CHETTIYAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that the licences of certain cloth merchants were cancelled for being involved in blackmarket operations;

(b) if so, their names, by whom it was done, where and on what date; and

(c) the policy of Government in dealing with merchants involved in blackmarket operations?

The Hon. Sri H. SITARAMA REDDI :—" (a) Yes.

" (b) The number of cloth licences cancelled during 1944–45 is 7 while that during 1945–46 is 230. A register containing the names of dealers whose licences were cancelled or suspended with the dates on which the orders were issued during the years 1944–46 is with me. The hon. Member can inspect the register if he so desires. The punishments in all these cases were ordered by the Provincial Textile Commissioner or the Joint Provincial Textile Commissioner.

" (c) The policy of the Government is to eliminate from trade as far as possible, unscrupulous dealers who by various means have contravened the control orders and thus failed to serve the public."

Sri S. A. S. Rm. RAMANATHAM CHETTIYAR :—" ஒரு வியாபாரமும் செய்யாதவர்களுக்கு லைசென்ஸ் கொடுத்திருக்கிறார்கள் அல்லவா ? "

Mr. PRESIDENT :—" The Hon. Minister will reply in Tamil "

The Hon. Sri H. SITARAMA REDDI :—" இந்த Question-க்கும் நீங்கள் கேட்கிறதற்கும் சம்மந்தம் இல்லை."

Sri R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" May I know, Sir, whether an appeal lies to the Government against the orders of the Provincial Textile Commissioner or the Joint Provincial Textile Commissioner? "

The Hon. Sri H. SITARAMA REDDI :—" I should like to have notice of that question."

The Hon. Dr. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" May I say that the Government is always the appellate authority in all these matters and the right of appeal is not denied to any person on any matter on which he has a grievance."